

In re application of:

Timothy W. CONNER et al.

Appln. No.: 09/540,234

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Atty. Dkt. No.: 38-21(15726)B/US

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Waiver of Hearing

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") was filed on March 10, 2003, in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby waive attendance at this hearing, and respectfully request that the Board make its decision based on the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Waiver of Hearing is being facsimile transmitted to the attention of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, via facsimile number (703) 308-6200, and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office central facsimile number (703) 872/9306.

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Re:

Waivers of Hearing

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is a Waiver of Hearing for each of the following applications.

Appeal No.: Not Yet Assigned/Conf. No. 6701 Serial No. 09/267,199, filed March 12, 1999

Applicants: Barkur G. BHAT et al.

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Tocopherol

Pathway

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.233

Appeal No.: 2003-1072

Serial No. 09/333,534, filed June 14, 1999 Applicants: Timothy W. CONNER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 38-21(15404)B/US

Appeal No.: 2003-1073

Serial No. 09/540,234, filed April 3, 2000 Applicants: Timothy W. CONNER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 38-21(15726)B/US

Appeal No.: 2003-1074

Serial No. 09/552,086, filed April 19, 2000

Applicants: Robert E. BUEHLER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 38-21(15760)B/US

Appeal No.: 2003-1666

Serial No. 09/521,640, filed March 10, 2000

Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.128

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Appeal No.: 2003-1939

Serial No. 09/333,535, filed June 14, 1999

Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.277

Appeal No.: 2004-1034

Serial No. 09/666 355, filed September 20, 2000

Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.314

Appeal No.: 2004-1272

Serial No. 09/37),146, filed August 9, 1999

Applicants: Nordine CHEIKH et al. Title: Annotated Plant Genes Attorney Docket No.: 16517.032

Appeal No.: 2004-1273

Serial No. 09/637,086, filed August 11, 2000

Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.285

Appeal No.: 2004-1275

Serial No. 09/540,235, filed April 3, 2000

Applicants: Dane K. FISHER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Sequences from Cyanidium Caldarium and Uses Thereof

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.276

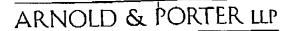
11. Appeal No.: 2004-1406

Serial No. 09/553,094, filed April 18, 2000

Applicants: Scott E. ANDERSEN et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.272



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12. Appeal No. 2004-1480

Serial No. 09/732,627, filed December 8, 2000

Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.281

13. Appeal No.: 2004-1725

Serial No. 09/233,218, filed January 20, 1999

Applicants: Claire A-CAJACUB 21/21.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Tetrapyrrole

Pathway

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.231

14. Appeal No.: 2004-1773

Serial No. 09/421,106, filed October 15, 1999

Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Attorney Docket No.: 16517.142

It is respectfully requested that acknowledgement of receipt of these waivers be sent via return facsimile to the undersigned at 202-942-5999.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of these patent applications, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with these filings. However, if any fees are required in the present applications, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.001.

Sincerely.

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